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FOR MULTIPLE USERS PLAYING MUSIC IN ENSEMBLE**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)**

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